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Good Governance
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister recently stressed on the maximum use of space technology for good Governance;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the manner in which space technologies are being utilized by various departments of the Government; and
(d) the steps being taken to further integrate space technologies with the working of Government to achieve good Governance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) A one day National Meet on "Promoting Space Technology based tools and Applications in Governance & Development" was organized on September 07, 2015 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi with the participation of Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments. Secretaries of 58 Ministries/ Departments have presented the action plans jointly prepared with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to enhance functional effectiveness, facilitate planning and decision making.
While addressing during the special session, the Prime Minister emphasized on the need for new initiatives for governance and development, using space technology applications.

(c) Space technology is being used by various Ministries/Departments in planning, monitoring and evaluation of developmental activities in various sectors, which include agriculture, forestry & environment, water resources, urban planning, infrastructure development, asset mapping, mineral prospecting, ocean resources, meteorology, satellite communication, location based services, tele-education, Tele-medicine and disaster management support. Some of the important applications being carried out by the Ministries/Departments are given in Annexure-I.

(d) The steps taken by ISRO to further integrate space technologies with the working of the Government to enable good governance include:
i) Formation of expert working groups in ISRO to have regular interaction with the departments
ii) Preparation of joint action plan for short term & long term space technology applications
iii) Conduct of Proof of Concept or Pilot projects
iv) Development of customised tools and applications
v) Institutionalisation of space applications and enabling formation of space technology cells in the Ministries / Departments
vi) Capacity building of the officials of Ministries / Departments.

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